

Palatine - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) was proud to announce her nominations for U.S. Military service academies at a reception Wednesday night.

Bean joined the nominees' families and members of the 8th District Service Academy Review Board to congratulate 17 local students who will now be considered for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy or the United States Air Force Academy.

These students were interviewed by the 8th District Service Academy Review Board, a panel of retired military personnel who evaluate students to determine whether they possess qualities needed for success as a military officer. The students nominated by Bean were chosen based on their records of academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership and demonstrated commitment to serving their country and communities.

"Nominating exceptional local students to these elite academies is one of my most honored privileges as a member of Congress," Bean said. "Our military academies provide a first-class education while also endowing their students with the skills and character necessary to defend our country as commissioned officers. I can only imagine the sense of accomplishment that these students should feel tonight, and the intense pride that their parents must share."

Nominated students will now be considered for appointment as cadets at U.S. Military academies. The government covers all costs of attendance — an education worth almost \$400,000. Upon appointment, students commit to attend the academy for four years and serve as commissioned officers after graduation for at least five years.

The following students from Illinois' 8th District have been nominated for admission to U.S. Military academies:

West Point

Kevin Rice, Lindenhurst

Shaina Marnell, Hanover Park

Naval Academy

Clifford Nelsen III, North Barrington

David Heckelsmiller, Palatine

Anthony Melvin, Zion

Bryant Giorgi, Antioch

Daniel Beshoar, Kildeer

Kyle Popke, Hawthorn Woods

Patrick Batac, Beach Park

Air Force Academy

Derek Gehring, Grayslake

Daniel Beshoar, Kildeer

Jan Teope, Hanover Park

James Pawloski, Woodstock

Christian Sutter, Antioch

Jacob Valle, Woodstock

Erin Nyre, Lake Barrington

Joseph Oswald, Wadsworth

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